



# **WATERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION MEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES AND GUIDELINES**



## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- 1) The league fee must be paid by **April 14, 2006**. Checks should be made payable to the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department.
- 2) League rosters must be submitted to the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department by **May 12, 2006**. Players may only be registered on one roster and hence participate on one team. Rosters are limited to 20 players. Changes to rosters can be made up until the team's fourth scheduled game. Changes after that are made at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department. According to ASA rules; article 502 A – Male team rosters should include male players only.
- 3) A player must be 18 to be eligible to play in the league.
- 4) All players must wear uniform shirts that are alike in color with a number as well as matching team hats. Teams will have until the 4<sup>th</sup> scheduled game to meet this requirement. Each player not meeting this requirement by the 4<sup>th</sup> game will not be eligible to play in that game.
- 5) Games will start at the following times:  
  
Rummel Field – 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm  
Herlihy & Reed Fields – 6:15pm  
**NOTE: Players must be at field by scheduled start time (NO GRACE TIME).**
- 6) Teams will be notified of game cancellations by 5:00pm.
- 7) Should games be cancelled at the field by the umpires, both teams are responsible for compensating the umpires. If a team forfeits a game at the field, the team who forfeits will pay both umpires. If both teams forfeit, each team will pay one umpire.
- 8) Players, coaches, scorekeepers, and sponsors are the only persons allowed in the dugout. Children (ages 16 and under) are not permitted to be in the dugout or on the playing field.
- 9) Alcohol is not permitted in or around playing areas.

## **PLAYING RULES**

Games will be governed by current ASA Men's Slow Pitch Softball Playing Rules with the following points of emphasis and exceptions:

- 1) Prior to the start of the game, each team will provide an umpire with a line up card, new ball, and \$19.
- 2) Short-Handed Rule: A game may begin with nine players. The absent player's spot must be listed last in the batting order. Whenever the absent player is due to bat, an out is declared. Once the absent player arrives, he must be inserted into the vacant spot immediately.
- 3) When a team begins a game with 10 players, that team may continue play if a player leaves the game for any reason other than ejection. Whenever the absent player is due to bat, an out is declared. Teams cannot bat less than nine players at any time.
- 4) If an Extra Player (EP) is used, an EP must be used the entire game—Exception, Short-Handed Rule (teams may play down to 10 players if using EP--whenever the absent player is due to bat, an out is declared.). An EP may be substituted for at any time. The substitute must be a player who has not yet been in the game. The starting EP may re-enter.
- 5) The ASA casual profanity rule will be enforced.
- 6) Bats certified/approved by the ASA are permissible.
- 7) Metal cleats are not permitted.
- 8) The pitching arc is defined at 6-12 feet.
- 9) Batters will start with a one ball, one strike count.
- 10) Stealing--runners can advance once the pitched ball reaches the front edge of home plate.
- 11) Three over the fence homeruns are allowed per team per game with a progressive homerun allowed thereafter. Additional over the fence homeruns constitute an out.
- 12) If a team is ahead by 20 after four innings or 12 after five innings, the game will be declared finished
- 13) If a player or coach is ejected from the game by an umpire, he will not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled game. If a player or coach is ejected a second time by the umpire, he or she will not be permitted to participate in the next three scheduled games. A third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. Suspended players are not allowed to sit on the bench.
- 14) The team captain or acting team captain must notify the plate umpire immediately if a game is being played under protest. A written protest must be submitted to the League Supervisor and/or Parks and Recreation Department within 24 hours (if the protested game is played on Friday night, the written protest must be received by the following Monday).